

# Meth Free Indiana Coalition

## Governor Daniels' Methamphetamine Initiative – Announced April 12, 2005

- Development of a “real time” reporting database between prosecutors and drug-testing labs.
- Standardization of procedures for removing and protecting children exposed to methamphetamine production.
- Utilize a partnership with Indiana's colleges and universities to help reduce the backlog of drug cases at State Police drug-testing laboratories while preparing Indiana students in the forensic science field.

## Methamphetamine Protection Act of 2005 (SEA 444) – Effective July 1, 2005

- Places restrictions and monitoring of the sale of drugs containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine. This program will be administered by the Indiana State Police.
- Mandates the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute operate and maintain a Meth Watch program to inform retailers and the public about illicit methamphetamine production, distribution, and use in Indiana.
- Requires the Indiana State Police to develop a process for reporting the termination of methamphetamine laboratories to the Indiana State Police, local fire services and County Health Department.
- Establishes the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to develop and administer a program for the inspection or cleanup of property contaminated by the waste from the illegal manufacturing of methamphetamine.
- Requirements for reporting the presence of children under the age of 14 years to local Child Services office.

## Meth Free Indiana Coalition – First meeting June 1, 2005

- Consists of 20 state agencies and 12 outside entities meeting monthly.
- MFI Working Group meets every 3 weeks to directly address methamphetamine-related issues.
- Over 5,000 kits provided to retail outlets that sell products containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine. The kits contained a letter from Governor Daniels, information for retailers and Sales Tracking forms to record purchases of products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.
- MethFreeIndiana.org web site established along with a Meth Hot Line at 877-855-METH (6384). Web site will be a clearinghouse for information on methamphetamine as it relates to Indiana. The Meth Hot Line is to report criminal activity and also for retailers and consumers to ask questions regarding the laws on products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.
- Drug Endangered Children (DEC) protocols developed by the DEC Advisory Council and unveiled on July 20 at a press conference kicking off a two-day training session which had 350 attendees. ICJI has provided a grant for \$97,000 to cover printing and distribution of the protocol and the purchasing of throw-away blankets.
- The Department of Corrections had opened 120 bed methamphetamine treatment facilities at its Peru and Wabash Valley facilities. A similar facility will open for women inmates on or near September 1, 2005.
- Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana Environmental Management, Indiana Environment Health Association and Indiana State Police collaborating on methamphetamine site cleanup and remediation policies and procedures. Part of the process will include law enforcement filing an abatement to condemn the property until it can be properly cleaned.
- The Matrix system has been adopted by the Division of Mental Health and Addictions as the treatment method to be used in the treatment of methamphetamine addiction.
- Indiana Meth Watch will be launched in October. Indiana Meth Watch is a voluntary program for retail outlets that sell any product associated with the production of methamphetamine. Retail kits will be provided initially at no cost through two grants.
- Governor Daniels has requested state agencies to identify funds that can be redirected to use for programs and activities related to methamphetamine. The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute has led the way by redirecting \$750,000 toward methamphetamine-related programs.